# **CLASH OF FACTIONS** STARTS AN INQUIRY

**Revelations Regarding Alleged** von Rintelen Conspiracy Due in Part to Quarrel.

PLOT IS ALLEGED BY MEN WHO LEFT "LABOR" PARTY

Passport Investigation in New York Is Halted-No Violation of U. S.

have been largely responsible for the and Eugene Levering of Baltimore. uncovering of an alleged conspiracy involving Franz von Rintelen to instigate strikes in munitions factories. According to this statement, a number of the members of the council joined the organization, believing it was a body formed to work impartially in the interests of peace. Later they discovered, it is said, that an inner ring of German sympathizers and agents of von Rintelen really was in control and intended to use the council as a means to further the strike propaganda.

### Volunteer Information.

When the government started its investigation into the activities of von Rintelen several men, who had been

Agents of the Department of Justice said today it was improbable that any and has escape. Securing of false passports for German and Austrian reservists returning home. This is due to the fact that in every case investigated the passport was one of a neutral country.

### **NEW BUILDING IS SOUGHT** FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Clark Introduces Bill to Authorize Appointment of Commission to Provide Plans.

In the hope of authorizing a new building for the Department of Justice in the present session of Congress, Chairman Clark of the committee on public buildings and grounds of the House has introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of a commission to ment of Justice has long urged a three million-dollar building to house the valuable papers in its charge and to give sufficient room to its official and clerical forces, and to raise itself to a more dignified position than it can hold through occupying rented quarters.

The public buildings and grounds committee of the House of last session was thoroughly in accord with the ideas of the department, but for one reason and another the bill for a new home was not enacted. Departmental arguments as to the personnel of the commission were believed to have made some delay.

The Clark bill calls for a commission

The Clark bill calls for a commission consisting of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General. They would call for competitive architectural suggestions and be empowered to make selection of the architect to present the final plans.

### ATTORNEY FINED \$20.

I. Q. H. Alward Also Suspended From Practicing in Juvenile Court. Attorney I. Q. H. Alward of this city was vesterday afternoon fined \$20 and suspended from practicing in the Juvenice Court indefinitely by Judge J Wilmer Latimer for contempt of

The contempt of the court on the part of the lawyer grew out of a case there more than a year ago. Alward is alleged to have advised a client to leave the District in order to be out of the jurisdiction of the court. When charged by the Juvenile Court with

Police Court Monday. one-man peace parade, made of Emil L. Gerardi, arrested in the United States Capitol grounds yesterday, is to be tried in the Police Court Monday on a charge of disorderly con-

Gerardi was arrested while carrying "War is murder. Preparedness is murwas "War is disciplined might. Peace is disciplined love." He was in the grounds when taken into custody.
When taken to Police Court today Gerardi employed Attorney Robert I. Miller to represent him, and the latter had the case continued until Monday.

### Bill to Kill Tariff Act.

brief measure to kill the Under-A brief measure to kill the Under-Theodore Marburg, former United wood tariff act has been introduced in States minister to Belgium, has been the House by Representative Mondell notified by the British war office that of Wyoming, one of the veteran repub-licans of Congress. The bill merely provides that the Underwood act be re-pealed the first day of May, 1916.

Appointed President by Board of Directors to Succeed Senator

Dr. George W. Kirchwey of New York was appointed president of the Amer ican Peace Society at the semi-annual neeting of the board of directors held at the Raleigh Hotel today. Senator Theodore E. Burton, who recently re signed the office of president of the society, presided. The meeting was closed to the public.

Arthur D. Call, executive director, an ounced that Senator Burton declared himself in entire sympathy with the work of the American Peace Society and said he resigned solely because of inability to give time to the work Mr. Call was appointed secretary of the

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The resignation of L. P. Lochner of Chicago as director of the central west department of the society was considered and referred to the proper committee. A committee on resolutions was appointed which rent labor's national peace council into two antagonistic factions was stated today by federal officials to have been largely responsible for the and Engene Levering of Baltimore.

### PRESIDENT TRIES IN VAIN TO TAKE STROLL ALONE

Unable to Escape Vigilance of Secret Service Men When He Secretly Leaves White House, However.

How President Wilson unsuccessfully Juvenile Court here, Attorney General tried to clude the secret service and police men aroun dthe White House and eral Gregory, appointed a committee, disappear for a stroll all alone he told March 6 of last year, to study the presa personal friend some time ago. Every ent laws and needs of the District of Rintelen several men, who had officials of the peace council and had officials of the peace council and had officials of the peace council and had resigned, went to the federal authorities and placed at their disposal a ties and placed at their disposal at the ties and ties

### CLOSES ANNUAL MEETING.

Government officials said today that more than a hundred cases had been brought to their attention, but in no instance was there any violation of a federal law. Any offense committed was against the country named as having against the country named as having issued the fraudulent passport.

Rivers and Harbors Congress Pledges

Itself to Nationalize Projects.

With the meeting of the new board of directors late yesterday afternoon, at which plans for the work of the members of the body during the ensu-

Jacobi's Kappeyne, formerly of the the duties of engineer of the public utilities commission. He succeeds H. C. Eddy, who this month will begin an electrolysis survey for the District On account of its limited funds, which

On account of its limited funds, which prohibited the employment of an additional official, the commission decided to employ as engineer not only a street railway expert, but one also familiar with the work of the valuation bureau. Mr. Kappeyne has had experience in the service of that bureau.

Prior to leaving the commission yesterday Mr. Eddy received from Engineer Commissioner Kutz, chairman of the utilities board, a letter expressing appreciation of the faithful and efficient service he has given that body. Mr. Eddy has had several flattering positions offered him, and his work for the electrical department may be only for a short period.

### To Sclicit Funds for Roadway.

The Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' Association and Hotel Men's Association are to be asked for authorization permitting the special joint committee composed of epresentatives of those organizations to solicit funds with which to build a good roadway over the sections of the road between Washington and Fredericksburg, Va., that are in need of

repair.
The roadway recently was inspect The roadway recently was inspected by the joint committee. The committee which is to handle the campaign for funds consists of Townley A. McKee, Charles W. Fairfax, W. P. Barnhart, Thomas Grant and Charles J. Columbus.

Hospital Benefit at Raleigh Hotel The ladies' board of Georgetown University Hospital is holding an auc tion and five hundred car party benefit

# DR. G. W. KIRCHWEY HEADS PRESENT STATUTES CALLED ANTIQUATED

Attorney General Change in Laws of District Relating to Juveniles.

### **ADVOCATES TWO BILLS** DRAWN BY COMMITTEE

Asks for Construction of New Building-Recommends Stringent Laws Against Neutrality Violations.

Expressing the opinion that the present aws relating to juveniles of the District of Columbia are antiquated, Attorney General Gregory, in his annual report to hairman, intended to carry out the ecommendations of the committee.

Impressed with the importance of con-

idering the question of the amendment, revision and codification of the laws in force in the District of Columbia pertaining to children and to the jurisdiction, practice and procedure of the resigned, went to the federal authorities and placed at their disposal a mass of information regarding the inner workings of the council.

L. P. Straube, secretary of the council, is said to have been one of thesemen. He is due in New York from Chicago tomorrow and will be questioned by United States Attorney Marshall. He by United States Attorney Marshall. He by United States Attorney Marshall. He have been one of the principal witnesses before the grand jury; when that body reconvenes next week. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be another witness.

It was stated at the federal building today that the call for reconvening the grand fury is being held up, pending definite information as to when Mr. Gompers can get here.

One Phase of Inquiry Halted.

In one important respect the investigations of the government into the work of German agents in this country has been brought to a halt.

Agents of the Department of Justice, said today it was improbable that any action would be taken in regard to the secret service men and they were back of the President before he had gotten outside the door the secret service men and they were back of the President before he had gotten outside the door the secret service men and they were back of the President had gotten outside the door the secret service men and they were back of the President before he had gotten outside the door the secret service men and they were back of the President before he had gotten outside the door the secret service men and they were back of the President before he had gotten outside the door the problem and has never since made plans for his which and was the American of a building today it was improbable that any action would be taken in regard to the said today it was improbable that any action would be taken in regard to the said today it was improbable that any action would be taken in regard to the secretary of the president had presented to the order to the committee was required to advise the dorn the dark

The Attorney General again calls attention to the urgent need of a building for the Department of Justice, which now occupies seven different buildings, originally constructed for residential purposes, and a few rooms in any event authority should be given residential purposes, and a few rooms

n a regular office building. seven residential buildings," says the Attorney General, "are not gestion was that authority be given the Itself to Nationalize Projects.

With the meeting of the new board of directors late yesterday afternoon, at which plans for the work of the members of the body during the ensuing year were discussed, the twelfth annual meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress closed its threeday convention.

Many of the delegates left the city yesterday afternoon and last night, but quite a few remained over to see the city and to visit their members of Congress. The convention pledged itself to nationalize the rivers and harbors projects and the delegates will go back home and talk rivers and harbors as one grand national project, instead of local projects here and there.

MR. KAPPEYNE ON DUTY.

Assumes Position as Engineer of Public Utilities Commission.

Jacobr's Kappeyne, formerly of the fireproof and are without vaults, and

Procedure in Bankruptcy Cases. United States attorney for the District of Columbia, the Attorney General recommends that the period of limitation for criminal procedure in bank-ruptcy cases be extended from one to two years. This is aimed at trustees who defraud estates or trusts in their

tation.

The United States attorney for the District of Columbia said in his communication to the Attorney General:

"As the law now stands, a trustee in bankruptcy may, upon receipt of money in his representative capacity, appropriate it to his own use, and, by postponing the time of accounting beyond the period of a year (not a difficult task as bankruptcy matters are administered), conceal the fact of his embezzlement, and thereby render it impossible to prosecute him."

In his recommendation for extension charge, and are able to escape prosecu-tion under the present statute of limi-

of the limitation, the Attorney General

of the limitation, the Attorney General says:
"Criminal prosecutions under the bankruptcy act must be brought within one year as the law now stands. This seems too short a period. Unquestionably it has defeated justice in some cases. To illustrate, most of the cases of embezziement by trustees in bankruptcy have been disclosed by the periodical examinations of the offices of referees in bankruptcy conducted by of referees in bankruptcy condutced by the bureau of investigation of this department. Speaking generally, it has never been found possible to conduct never been found possible to conduct such investigations oftener than once every two years, except, of course, where there was reason to suspect wrongdoing. It frequently happens, therefore, that by the time such em-bezzlements are discovered the statute of limitation has barred prosecution. I recommend that the period of limita-tion in such cases be extended to three years."

contempt of court Attorney appealed to the Supreme Court of the District, and failing there to prove the Juvenile Court had no power to hold him for contempt of court, went to the findings of the lower court.

After a fight of nearly a year in the courts the case yesterday returned to the Juvenile Court, where Attorney Alward appeared before Judge Latimer and the sentence was imposed.

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Coin Counterfeiters Lead in Arrests.

During the last fiscal year 536 arrests were made by the secret service in counterfeiting cases. Altered and counterfeiting cases. Altered and counterfeiting thotes aggregating \$45,510.85 and coins aggregating

Alleged Combine of Merchants.

against thirty-one commission merchants, charging them with engaging in a combination to fix arbitrarily and without competition the prices at which country produce is bought and sold in the District of Columbia. A demurrer was overruled by the court May 1 last and the case is awaiting

trial.
Of 4,021 United States prisoners in confinement, there are 116 committed to the National Training School for Boys and 126 in the Government Hos-

pital for the Insane, here. Training School for Boys.

The report of the board of trustees

of the Astional Training School for Boys shows that there were confined in the school on June 30, 1915, 381 juve on June 30, 1914. There were received during the year 1915, 208 juvenile offenders; during 1914, 189. Of this number, 103 were committed by the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia, 13 by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and 51 by the United States court. There were returned to the school 39 paroled boys and 2 escaped boys.

The farm products have exceeded those of any previous year, and have been a material factor in reducing the cost of running the institution. The work of construction on the new school building is a; proaching completion. During the year a tract of approximately fifty-seven acres of land was purchased by the board of trustees, at a cost of \$13,750 acres with resident was on June 30, 1914. There were received congress, made public today, recommends earnestly the passage of legislation by Congress to remedy conditions. He advocates the enactment into law of the draft of two bills made by the special committee of which Bernard Flexner is chairman, intended to carry out the carry the boundary line of the school and to the District of Columbia line of the north. It is proposed to make this

### Girls' Department.

The report of the trustees of the National Training School for Girls shows that on June 30, 1915, there were eighty-six inmates. During the year there were twenty-one commitments and twenty-seven paroles. Of those pa roled fourteen were returned to the school.

only colored girls, although there has been no legal objection to receiving both white and colored. The board reand care for white girls, and that it is desirable that an additional building or buildings be erected for this purpose, to be located at some distance from the present group. It recommends the ac-quisition of additional land for this purpose

Law to Funish Neutrality Violation

have marked the progress of the war in Europe and the Mexican revolutions are asked of Congress by Attorney Gensuggested amendments to the present neutrality statutes to make it in any event authority should be given to some government department to gestion was that authority, be given the government to seize arms and ammunition about to be exported in violation of a presidential proclamation of an embargo on shipments of that character and to seize arms and ammunition about to be used in connection with military expeditions which themselves are now prohibited by law.

Would Amend Commodities Clause The Attorney General again recom ties clause of the interstate commerce porting in interstate commerce articles which are manufactured or produced by any corporation controlled or affili-ated with it by having the same con-trolling stockholders, irrespective of whether such railroad or such con-trolled or affiliated corporation has an interest in the articles at the time of transportation.

"It is also necessary," he added in this connection, "if transportation and production are to be completely diorced, that Congress prohibit any

railroad owned or controlled by a producing or trading corporation, and not operated merely as a plant facility, from transporting in interstate commerce articles produced or owned by such corporation."

Another recommendation would change provisions for the removal of persons indicted in federal criminal proceedings to the district where the indictments were returned so that a federal warrant may run after indict-

### DANGER OF DIPTHERIA THEME OF DISCUSSION

Asserted That Children Incur No More Risk in School Than in Other Assemblages.

Children attending school are in no nore danger of contracting diphtheria than they are in street cars, stores, Sunday school, children's parties or at the movies, according to a statement given out by the medical department of the public schools. It further points out that children in school are "the object of the daily solicitous observation of the teacher, and the frequent observation of the medical inspectors, and the cases of contagious disease are at once known to those who have author ity to exclude them and those who have come in contact with them." The statement was made because of The statement was made because of the many inquiries which have been made of the officials concerning the disease, and because of many exag-gerated rumors which have been cir-culated concerning its spread.

### The statement says in part: Answer to Inquiries.

"Judging from the large number of anxious inquiries which have been coming into the Franklin School offices and to the medical inspectors of schools, it would seem that the idea prevails that the schools are in some way solely responsible for the present unusual prevalence of diphtheria in the way solely responsible for the present unusual prevalence of diphtheria in the city, an unusual prevalence which, by the way, has been noticed all over the country. It is thought that parents of school children may be, somewhat reassured by the statement that since school opened in September there have been only ninety-three cases of diphtheria among pupils of the public schools some fifty-odd thousand strong. "During the present school term 106 children have been excluded because they were brothers or sisters of pupils sick with the disease, and sixty other children have been excluded because they resided in houses where diphtheria had attacked some one who did not attend school at all. All of these children have been truly excluded from school 'on account of diphtheria' and it is easy for rumor to seize upon this phrase and twist it so as to swell the number of actual cases."

Colds cause Grip-Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E. W. Grove's signature on box. 250

# ment against Collins et al., D. C., the Attorney General recites that indictionent was returned September 4, 1914, agrainet thirty-one commission mer-G. O. P. CONVENTION

uous Efforts to Capture Meet Next Summer.

Representatives of San Francisco are Washington and making strenuous nile offenders, as comapred with 405 efforts to have the republican national nvention there next summer. A funof \$100,000 has been raised and is used to back up the delegation. Friends of the California city feel that it is peculiarly adapted to handling the large crowd of a convention by virtue of its training received at the Panama-Pacific exposition, which has just closed Francis B. Loomis of San Francisco former assistant secretary of state, is n the city working for San Francisco. "San Francisco," said Mr. Loomis has made a substantial success of the Panama-Pacific exposition, just closed and its people feel that it could entertain in a becoming and effective man-ner and will make a strong effort to obtain the next republican national

### Advantages of San Francisco. "When the republican national com-

nittee meets here Tuesday there wil be a strong delegation from San Francisco, from California and other west ern states to support the city of the Golden Gate. San Francisco has nu-merous distinct and impressive advantages. In the first place, the weather is never hot, never oppressive and never unpleasant. The city is more horoughly organized to entertain visitors on a large scale than any other city in the country, as a result of its experience in entertaining the visitors

of Representatives. "There has never been a republican na "There has never been a republican national convention in the history of the party west of the Mississippi river. The delegates from the west have been coming to the east for a half century to attend the party gatherings. It seems to me now that it is no more than just to them that the delegates from other parts of the country should come to at least one convention on the Pacific coast.

"The people of San Francisco ar very much in earnest and very much hospitality is unsurpassed, as those who have visited the exposition will readily and willingly testify. The visitors who go to San Francisco will meet with a cordiality and heartiness of welcome that will make lasting impressions upon them.

The has raised the \$100,000 and has been in service for forty years. Her wooden hull is rotten, her machingly and in very bad condidesire to get the convention. Their "San Francisco has raised the elevires. Her wooden hull is rotten, her machine which the national committee requires. Her wooden hull is rotten, her machine hotels have agreed to maintain ery antiquated and in very bad condition hotels have agreed durition, requiring frequent repairs. The reasonable rates, and their record dur-ing the period of the exposition in this respect was exemplary. There was not one complaint of high or unreasonable

evolved.

"None of the candidates for the nom-ination should have but the heartiest feeling for San Francisco. Nine-tenths of those whose names have been men-tioned have visited San Francisco dur-ing the past year. They were gracious-ly and handsomely entertained, and they can only have the kindliest wishes for their San Francisco friends, and I feel sure they will do what they can to return the hospitality of San Fran-

### TO PREVENT DIPHTHERIA.

Health Officers Take Precautions in Two "Carrier" Cases.

Fear that two colored women design nated as "carriers" who had been taken from the District jail vesterday, one to inal Court, might "carry" diphtheria to other prisoners or court attendants from the jail, where the disease has been discovered, led doctors of the health department to take cultures of all persons who had come in contact

all persons who had come in contact with the women.

Not only were the cultures of all prisoners at the Police Court and at Criminal Court taken, but the doctors took the precaution to have the cell-room at the Police Court fumigated, as well as other parts of the building where the women had been. The van in which the women were taken from the jail to the courts also was fumigated.

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Preparation for the removal of the prisoners from the courts to Occoquan or the jail had been made by court officials when the health officers arrived. Examinations were made of all prisoners and cultures taken before any of them were removed.

Although neither of the colored women designated as "carriers" of the disease have it, it was stated at the health department today, they are more dangerous than a person suffering from the disease, as they "carry" it to others.

### PRODUCTION DIVISION COST.

Business of Commerce Bureau Explained to Representative Kitchin. Secretary Redfield of the Department nmerce, and Dr. Pratt, chief o the bureau of foreign and domestic mmerce, have explained to Representative Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House, the work which the cost of production division of the bureau is

doing.

The cost of production division nov The cost of production division now does the work formerly performed by the tariff boards in relation to dutiable articles. Dr. Pratt showed to Mr. Kitchin a series of reports recently gotten out by the division, and combined with Secretary Redfield in extending to the chairman of the ways and means committee all the aid which the division could render him and the committee.

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# FOR COAST GUARD

Delegation Here Making Stren- Annual Report Shows the Need for More Ships and Better Stations.

> SOME CRAFT NOT FIT FOR FURTHER SERVICE

> New Stations Also Needed and Laws to Correct Existing

> > clude the entire year.

which case the law specifically pro-

Interior Navigable Waters.

the vast fleet of motor boats which is annually being augmented. Numerous occasions have arisen when the services of cutters would have been instrumental in saving life and property from accidents which occur along the rivers. "The increased cost of such a patrol would be inconsiderable compared with the benefits to be derived, and the people along the banks of the inland waters, it would appear, are as much

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shores of the seacoast and the grea

Service Depot in Alaska.

"Attention is again invited to previ

ous recommendations looking toward

the establishment of a permanen

naval vessels could make use of this general supply depot, the saving on their account would, in all probability,

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vides for such employment,

The varied humanitarian and utilif not the actual necessity, of a further
itarian activities of the coast guard lengthening of the active season to inover the fiscal year 1914-15 are described in the annual report, just made public. These activities range over a wide scope of saving life and property at sea, along shore, on the rivers the interior at time of flood, fire fighting, and enforcement of neutral ity, navigation and other laws, maintaining the international patrol for the protection of fur seals in Alaskan waters, the international ice patrol in northern waters of the Atlantic, objunction with the public health service maintaining a hospital ship to carry medical and surgical aid to America fishermen on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

The depletion of the fleet by the failure of Congress to provide adequately for the upkeep of the service is the occity in the country, as a result of its experience in entertaining the visitors to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

"In the minds of western republicans," continued Mr. Loomis, "there is convincing argument in favor of San Francisco, because the republican party in the west suffered from the division and disaster that came into the ranks in the campaign of 1910, and keenly feels the need of encouragement, inspiration and rehabilitation.

"The presence of the party on the western coast," he went on, "would bring republicans from all parts of the country and would act as a lifegiving tonic to the party in all the western states, not only in giving a strong presidential candidate to the party, but as well adding in the neighborhood of half a dozen senators to the republican ranks in the House of Representatives.

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"The old cutter Manhattan now limps along with worn-out hull and machinary, performing in an inefficient manner the important duty of regulating the anchorage of vessels in the greatest American seaport. Since first rech ommending the replacement of this antiquated craft, now over forty-two years old, the cost of ships has so far advanced that it will be necessary to provide an appropriation of \$125,000, instead of the original estimate of \$110,000.

"A new harbor cutter to replace the

in distress, and in boarding them for the purpose of enforcing the navigation laws.

Rebuilding and Repair of Stations.

"There are 279 stations in the coast guard would amount to not less than \$18,000 per annum. As vessels of the fish commission, coast survey, light-guard, and of these there are twenty-one which should be rebuilt as soon.

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as possible. The oldest of the twentyone stations was built forty-three
years ago, the newest is twenty-nine
years old, and the average age of all is
thirty-seven years.

"These buildings, which are small
frame structures, on wooden foundations, have passed the stage when they
can be satisfactorily repaired and are
in a deplorable condition.

"Leaks in roofs and settlement due to
failing foundations have opened up
many of the buildings until they are
not water-tight, permitting rain, snow
and sand to penetrate the living quarters, rendering them insanitary, unsuitable, and a cause of complaint, not
only from the men who occupy them,
but from the neighboring property
owners. owners.
"At twenty-five stations the boathouses or launchways are unsafe or in such condition as to seriously interfere with the rescue work required of the

"To effect the rebuilding and repairs most urgently needed the sum of \$235,000 was requested in the estimates submitted for the fiscal year 1916. Of this amount the last Congress provided but \$135,000, and as the great-

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# er part of this sum is needed for launching facilities, the rebuilding of dilapidated stations must again be postponed. "To accomplish the rebuilding of, or extensive repairs to, the several stations which particularly require such attention, there should be provided for the fiscal year 1917 the sum of \$300.000.

Extending the Active Season. "Owing to the frequency of storms on Washington Railway and Electric's the Atlantic coast during the months of May and August and responding to Annual Entertainment to Be the earnest solicitations of the mari Held December 28. time interests and the public press o

time interests and the public press of the country. Congress by the act of August 3, 1894, authorized the extension of the so-called active season (when the stations are open and manned) to include those months. The active season as thus defined began the 1st day of August and ended the 31st day of May succeeding. This is the latest act regulating the opening and closing of coast guard stations, and is the law at this time.

"The fifteenth consecutive annual Christmas entertainment, to be given, under the auspices of the board of directors of the Washington Railway and Electric Company for the children of employes of its companies, including the Potomac Electric Power Company, is to be given Tuesday afternoon, December 28, at the New National Theatier.

As in former years, the entertainment will consist of a suitable selection of vaudeville numbers from local theater programs, a special miniature circus being one of the attractions arranged for by the entertainment committee chairman, Fred J. Mersheimer.

mittee chairman, Fred J. Mersheime An additional feature will be the presentation of a series of "Mother Goose" Duties of Keeper During Inactive
Season.

"Special attention is invited to a matter closely related to the subject just discussed and which it is believed calls for early remedial action by Congress.

The law requires that keepers of coast guard stations shall reside continually at or in the immediate vicinity of their respective stations,' and pro-

coast guard stations shall 'reside continually at or in the immediate vicinity of their respective stations,' and provides annual compensation for them. There is therefore no inactive season so far as keepers are concerned.

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